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FM AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

TO MSGBN ARLINGTON VA PRIORITY

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PANAMA FOR CO "D" MSGBN

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TO CO MSGBN FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AFSP BL

SUBJ: REPLACEMENT OF NCOIC LA PAZ

REF: MSG BN ARLINGTON VA DTG 021336Z JUL 76

1. I APPRECIATE PREVIOUS EFFORTS MADE TO PROVIDE EARLY REPLACEMENT FOR NCOIC STRANSKY AND I RECOGNIZE THAT CURRENT PROBLEM RESULTS FROM TRAGIC EVENT WHICH COULD NOT HAVE BEEN PREDICTED. NONETHELESS, I DO NOT FEEL THAT THE PROPOSAL IN REFTEL WILL MEET SATISFACTORILY THE NEEDS OF THE POST BETWEEN STRANSKY'S DEPARTURE AND THE ARRIVAL OF HIS REPLACEMENT.

2. RECENTLY, EMBASSY RECEIVED WORD THAT UNSPECIFIED MEMBERS OF THIS MISSION MAY BE TARGETED FOR SOME TYPE OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY. CONSEQUENTLY, I CAN NOT RPT NOT AGREE TO A REDUCTION IN OUR SECURITY FORCES AT THIS TIME. LOCAL SECURITY FORCES ARE EXTENDING FULL COOPERATION, BUT, AS YOU KNOWN, THEIR UTILIZATION IN MEETING THE INTENSIFIED REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE MISSION ARE LIMITED.

3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PERSONAL REVIEW OF THE PERSONNEL SITUATION IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE A REPLACEMENT

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FROM CL 6-76 (PERHAPS ONE ASSIGNED TO A COUNTRY WITH A LOWER

PRIORITY) OR FROM THE RANKS OF NCOIC'S ON DUTY AT ANOTHER POST.

4. THIS REQUEST SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS A LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN SGT KLOEHN WHO IS A VALUED MEMBER OF THE DETACHMENT. THE CURRENT SITUATION, HOWEVER, MAKES IT IMPERATIVE THAT EITHER A TRAINED OR EXPERIENCED NCOIC HEAD THE DETACHMENT AT THIS POST. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL GIVE THIS REQUEST THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AND THUS ASSIST ME IN DISCHARGING MY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THIS MISSION.
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